

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 8 have been amended, claims 22 – 40 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 3-16 and 18-21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Veltz et al. (20020088060A1) (“Veltz publication”). Claims 1, 3-16 and 18-21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Veltz et al. (USP 6,470,522) (“Veltz patent”).

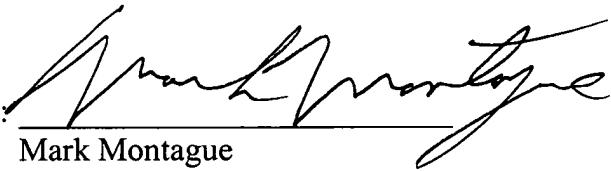
Claims 2 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Veltz publication in view of Admitted Prior Art (Background of the invention paragraphs 1 - 4) and/or McGuyer et al. (2003/0234205A1) (“McGuyer”).

During a telephone interview with the Examiner on December 7, 2005, the Examiner and applicant’s undersigned attorney agreed to the language set forth in independent claims 1 and 2, as amended herein. Amended independent claim 8 provides similar language to that added to claim 1. Accordingly, it is submitted that independent claims 1, 2 and 8, as amended herein, recite features that are neither shown nor suggested in the cited prior art. It is therefore requested that the rejection of claims 1, 2 and 8, as well as claims 3-7 and 9-21 dependent thereon, be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application are
respectfully requested..

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